

GRAVAS

del Maipo

ENRIQUE TIRADO

Winemaker Enrique Tirado has had a long and illustrious career at Viña Concha y Toro. After joining the Company in 1993 to lead its premium brands, in 1997 he was appointed head winemaker to assume responsibility for its super premium and ultra premium labels in addition to the Company's icon wine, Don Melchor.

An uncanny winemaking sensitivity and tireless research into different terroirs in 1999 led to his designation as sole winemaker of Don Melchor, the icon wine from the renowned Puente Alto vineyard in the Andean foothills on the north bank of the Maipo River.

In 1997, Viña Almaviva was created from a joint venture between French winery Baron Philippe de Rothschild and Viña Concha y Toro. For its first vintage in 1996, besides his work with Don Melchor, Enrique Tirado was named co-winemaker for Almaviva alongside Patrick León, Technical Director of Château Mouton Rothschild. Working together for seven years the pair attracted considerable acclaim from international wine writers. Tirado was appointed a director of Viña Almaviva in 2004.

Enrique Tirado has also worked as co-winemaker for terroir wines at a Viña Concha y Toro subsidiary in Argentina, Viña Trivento since 2001. The first vintage of its icon wine, Eolo, was 2005.

A love of the Puente Alto vineyard drove Enrique Tirado to conduct the first study of soil and terroir in Chile, in 2002, in conjunction with one of the most prestigious academic centres in France, the Institut National Agronomique Paris-Grignon (INA P-G).

His exacting, ongoing research into terroir management as well as the adoption of new vinification technologies allied to his extraordinary ability to achieve the best expression, finesse and elegance from Cabernet Sauvignon has made every single vintage among the finest wines of the year from Chile and elevated Don Melchor to a privileged place among the world's finest wines. Domestic and international media consider Enrique Tirado one of Chile's great winemakers.

In 2010 Concha y Toro released its first icon Syrah, a project led by winemaker Enrique Tirado. The new Gravas del Maipo 2007 from the Quinta de Maipo vineyard—located on the south bank of the Maipo River—confirms the company's absolute dedication and passion for making wines from terroirs in the Maipo Basin at the foot of Andes Mountains.

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